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SUBJ: JAPAN INTRODUCES CUMULATIVE RULE OF ORIGIN
FOR ASEAN GSP EXPORTS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1978, ASEAN EXPORTS TO JAPAN UNDER GSP WILL BE EXTENDED TO GOODS IN WHICH 60 PERCENT OF VALUE HAS BEEN ADDED IN ASEAN COUNTRIES AS A GROUP. THE NEW CUMULATIVE RULES OF ORIGIN, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES QUOTED IN THE SINGAPORE BUSINESS PRESS, WILL INITIALLY BENEFIT A LIMITED RANGE OF ITEMS WHICH USE LOCALLY-PRODUCED RAW MATERIALS.

2. THE DECISION WAS A RESULT OF AN ASEAN REQUEST MADE AT THE SECOND ASEAN-JAPAN FORUM IN TOKYO LAST
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YEAR. THE EEC INTRODUCED A SIMILAR PROGRAM FOR ASEAN IN 1976, END UNCLASSIFIED,

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE SINGAPORE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS STILL STUDYING THE NEW JAPANESE RULES, AND HAS NO REAL IDEA YET OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT. IT

SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE BENEFICIARIES IN SINGAPORE WILL BE RAW MATERIALS PROCESSORS SUCH AS SAWMILLS AND PALM OIL PROCESSORS. ALTHOUGH THE NEW RULES CAN BE VIEWED IN THE ABSTRACT AS A BOOST FOR ASEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION EFFORTS, THEIR PRACTICAL IMPACT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE GREAT.

4. IT APPEARS THAT THE US COULD NOT EASILY FOLLOW SUIT IN INSTITUTING A CUMULATIVE RULE OF ORIGIN, GIVEN THE BAR ON GSP TREATMENT OF INDONESIAN PRODUCTS AND THE TRADE ACT PROVISIONS REGARDING "A FREE TRADE AREA OR CUSTOMS UNION." WITH THE MUCH MORE LIBERAL 35 PERCENT RULE FOR GSP TREATMENT, HOWEVER, THE US PROGRAM OF PREFERENCES REMAINS QUITE ATTRACTIVE EVEN WITHOUT SUCH CUMULATIVE PROVISIONS FOR ASEAM. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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